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**Sent:** Thur 11/16/2017 8:57:02 PM  
**Subject:** FW: SRA 2017 Annual Meeting Roundtable Acceptance

Hi everyone

Below is a note from Terje Aven of SRA about our Roundtable. We seem to have picked a timely topic.

At the bottom I've appended my original note following acceptance and a copy of the abstract. The plan is for:

1:30pm Terry to give a very short introduction, including making it clear that the focus is on the "underlying principles" as per the last sentence of the abstract;

1:35pm each of us will speak for no more than 10 minutes, and I hope less

2:25pm Terry will then ask some questions to get the discussion going, again focusing on "underlying principles";

2:40pm Terry will then ask for questions from the floor.

I hope our responses to all questions can be brief. As the above schedule only gives 20 minutes to questions from the floor, it would be helpful if we can each cut a few minutes from our presentation

To be decided yet is order of speakers. Best spot, of course, is last as it gives the speaker a chance to rebut earlier speakers. Let me suggest the following: Goldstein, Beck, Arvai, Denison, White. Am open to other suggestions, with a coin toss as ultimate decision maker.

Note instructions below from Jennifer Rosenberg include the request that all powerpoints be uploaded by December 4<sup>th</sup>- and we need to be registered. Terje also asks that we have a planning meeting by phone beforehand. In view of how much time we spent earlier on the framework of this Roundtable, am not sure this is needed – and I shudder at the thought of

finding a time we can all get on a phone line in the next few weeks. So unless someone wants to hold such a pre-meeting, I suggest we skip it. Would of course be happy to talk to any of you individually

Best regards

Bernie

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Hi Bernard,

Thanks a lot for organizing and chairing this Roundtable (RT).

It looks very interesting.

I understand that Jennifer has been in contact with you concerning the RT chairs and panelists. The program is soon to be printed, so hope everything is fine on that point.

RTs can be structured and run in different ways, but in line with good SRA practice they should include well-prepared introduction talks by all panelists (3-10 m depending on the number of panelists and other features of the RT), and the Chair/Moderator of the RT should have had a process with the panelists in advance of the meeting to highlight the key issues/questions to be discussed.

Please contact me if you have any questions related to this

(I write such emails to all RT chairs, I know this one will be great).

I look very much forward to the RT.

Best

Terje Aven

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Thank you for your participation. We look forward to seeing you in Arlington in December.

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Congratulations to us all. We are on the schedule for Tuesday afternoon, 12/12, from 1:30-3pm.

Just as a reminder:. The final order of presentations is open – it will be ten minutes each except for Terry who is our MC. Should leave 40 min for discussion. Again, the focus should be on the optimal principles and how best to achieve them rather than a critique of specific legislation. Our abstract is below

*Recent activities by both Congress and by EPA Administrator Pruitt provide an opportunity to evaluate approaches for organizing risk-related scientific advisory processes for regulatory agencies. The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act has been passed by the US House of Representatives and is awaiting action in the US Senate, which may or may not be forthcoming. These have generated media interest and controversy and some have characterized these actions as unnecessarily politicizing science and decreasing the likelihood of the involvement of knowledgeable academic scientists in EPA review processes. Others have pointed out that there is a need to broaden scientific representation in diverse fields, and to improve procedures for balancing perspectives and perceived biases on EPA scientific advisory panels. The Roundtable participants will be asked to focus on the underlying principles that should guide the science advisory processes for the optimal provision of scientific advice on risk-related issues to a regulatory agency.*

Hope you are all having a good summer

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